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## Miscellaneous.

Dickens in Our Mutual Friend, when  
describing the number and variety of  
begging letters, which, upon coming  
into his fortune, the power of Boffin's  
Bower received, remarks with one of  
his inimitable strokes of humor:  
"Among the correspondents were  
several daughters of general officers,  
long accustomed to every luxury of  
life, except spelling." Now I fear that  
the sarcasm with which our English au-  
thor demolishes, at a blow, the false  
pretenses of these young ladies, would  
not by any means secure the like con-  
viction in our country, for I have  
known bona fide daughters of general  
officers in America, who, if their title  
to the position depended upon correct  
spelling, would disgrace it every time  
they took pen in hand.

This was not so in the old time be-  
fore us. Our grandmothers knew how  
to spell. Among their school exercises  
beside the ordinary daily lessons, there  
were what might be called 'field days'  
for the practice of the then honored  
art. The scholars then dividing into  
two parties ("choosing sides," as it  
was called), were ranged in lines facing  
each other. The words were then given  
out, and the lively contest of "spelling  
down" began. Each one who mis-  
said a word was obliged to fall out of  
line and take his seat, until by degrees  
only a few champions remained on ei-  
ther side; the high honor of standing  
alone occasionally falling to a single  
individual. Of course the match was  
won by the side which exhibited the  
greater number left standing when the  
lesson was finished. This was only one  
of several devices to secure attention  
to this humble and elementary, yet  
most important branch of education.

But now, alas! in the matter of or-  
thography we have fallen upon evil  
days. The good practices, above de-  
scribed exist to some extent, still, in a  
few country district schools, perhaps,  
but in general they are falling more  
and more into neglect. Much of our  
modern culture is merely for show, and  
under the thin tinsel of supposed ac-  
quirements in other languages lie  
strange deficiencies in the knowledge  
of our own.

In our schools, generally, too little  
importance is attached to the study of  
orthography. No pains are taken to  
secure its being taught; and in fact  
one would think to examine the pro-  
gramme of studies, that now-a-days  
children had grown so clever that what  
used to take time and labor to teach  
would come to them by a sort of in-  
stinct.

In support of the assertion that at-  
tention to spelling is woefully neglected  
in these days, I will cite the following  
fact: Within a week I have received  
two letters, the one from a well-known  
country woman, living at an obscure  
place called Bean's Corner, in the state  
of Maine. She has probably but the  
slightest pretension to what in these  
days is called education, and yet her  
letter has not a single misspelled word  
in it. The second letter alluded to is  
from a descendant of one of the oldest  
and best families in America, a lady of  
many accomplishments and high cul-  
ture, and yet her letter exhibits several  
gross mistakes in spelling of words of  
common every-day use.

Appropos of this subject, a friend  
tells me that he knew a young man of  
excellent family and social standing,  
who was engaged a short time since as  
a book-keeper in a retail grocery. His  
penmanship was admirable, his arith-  
metic adequate to the position, and his  
yet 'eggs' were transformed by him into  
'edgess,' 'pails' into 'pales,' 'pepper'  
into 'peap r,' with many other equally  
atrocious perversions of orthography,  
until the end of the first week brought  
the notice that his services would not  
be required for a 'spell.'

Perhaps the following lament found  
in the portfolio of a maiden aunt may  
amuse your readers, and serve as an  
appropriate ending to this 'scold' about  
the wretched spelling of these degene-  
rate days:

My dear nephews have all passed through  
college.  
And their sisters of school here is still,  
But, alas! and all their fine knowledge,  
You're not one of them knows how to  
spell.

You would think Jim was learned as a Rabbi.  
His collection of books could you see.  
Yet he writes home from France that an  
'Abbey'  
Is teaching him French 'a Parreee.'  
Pretty Fan, who has gone on to Venice,  
And captures at everything flies,  
But she's daily glowing her pen  
When describing the famous 'bridge of  
size.'

## QUESTIONABLE CHARITY WORK.

This being the season of the year  
when the milk of human kindness is  
most profusely, it is not surpris-  
ing that men of goodly activity in the  
churches choose it as a proper time for  
proposing their diverse enterprises for the  
improvement of the human race. The  
luxuries that surround us during the  
brief interim of the holidays are  
made use of for a contrast with the des-  
titution prevailing in less favored quar-  
ters of the globe; basking in the light  
of the gospel diffused from many pul-  
pits, we are reminded of the benighted  
heathen in far away lands, and taught  
the benefit of missions; and so on, un-  
til in almost every phase of existing  
physical comfort and spiritual consola-  
tion, we find a suggestion of the neces-  
sity of stretching forth a helping hand  
to brethren less blessed.

In general, church-goers are a liberal  
people, and willing to give according to  
their means. Undoubtedly, however,  
while charity is one of the first of  
virtues, and deserves development in  
every possible form, there are means  
yet occasionally resorted to in the  
churches for stimulating it that ought  
scarcely to meet with approval. One  
of the most common of these is public  
association from individuals, at congre-  
gational meetings, church societies and  
gatherings, where some well mean-  
ing person, with misguided zeal, arises,  
and proposing that subscriptions  
be raised for any specified object, pro-  
ceeds to make assessments on those in  
attendance. Of course, in nine cases  
out of ten, the victims, while put out  
of sorts by this summary procedure,  
have not the moral courage to resist  
the movement, and so assent with the  
best grace possible to the donations  
squeezed out of them. This is a very  
easy way of creating a fund, and be-  
cause of its almost unavoidable success,  
it is commonly resorted to; but it is  
not commendable. Charity is an  
essential element of grace, and many  
a willing to give freely, according  
to their means, would revolt against  
this public levy, were it not that in re-  
volting they might leave themselves  
open to the imputation of being poor  
or stingy.

An illustrative instance of this sys-  
tem of developing liberality in church  
congregations occurred a few nights  
ago, not far from Pittsburgh, and its  
termination was so ludicrous that it  
may be as well to narrate it.

A Sabbath school society was to be  
given in the borough of —, and all  
residents of good social standing, irre-  
spective of religious denomination  
were invited. The place was crowded,  
and the entertainment passed off most  
pleasantly. Just about the hour when  
the climax was nearing, some one in-  
cessantly asked Bro. Smith, well known  
for powers of wind and oratory, and  
called upon him for an address. Quite  
willingly Bro. Smith arose, and waving  
warm on the subject of Sabbath  
schools, thought he would make a 'ten  
strike' at the conclusion, by proposing  
an immediate subscription of \$100 for  
a Sabbath school library. Notwith-  
standing his vivid portrayal of the case  
no response came. "Well, then," said  
Bro. Smith, "I'll try it another way."  
He got two persons in the house to  
give \$100 each, and we can make up  
the balance easy. To begin with, I'll  
give \$10 myself. Who follows my ex-  
ample?

Don there was no answer. "Breth-  
ren, said Bro. Smith, "this is good  
luck; you ought to invest in it; it  
will pay you a big dividend in heaven."  
Let us now see how the matter  
unwittingly, even with large casual  
promises. Now was the opportunity  
for Bro. Smith's success. Glancing his  
eyes around, he permitted his eyes to  
light on Bro. Jones, a blind man. By  
every body in the church was instantly  
glancing on Bro. Jones. "Bro. Jones,  
can we begin with you?" inquiringly  
asked the engineer of the movement.  
"And Jones—what everybody in the  
church looking at him—assented. So  
he went on to Brown and Robinson,  
who, though less gracefully than Jones,  
still consented. At last the ten men  
were got. Then Bro. Smith triumph-  
antly proceeded to wrangle with the  
balance. "Who'll give \$2—Who'll  
give \$1—Who'll give \$10 cents?" Here  
he dropped down on a young man in  
the audience, and with a jubilant  
twinkle in his eyes, bawled remarked:  
"Bro. Mr. —, you'll give \$1, will  
you not?" The young man, who rose  
to his feet, and looking Bro. Smith  
square in the face, replied, clearly and  
distinctly, "No, sir, emphatically, no!"  
Had a been solicited in private, I could  
have cheerfully given all that I could  
afford, but I will not be coerced into it  
in public.

A man could have been heard drop  
when the young man snubbed. Broth-  
er Smith was heartily taken back—  
completely collapsed; the audience  
was dumfounded, and the situation  
would have been miserable but for an  
old gentleman of remarkable coolness  
and with dry solemnity slowly sug-  
gested: "Bro. Smith, since these are  
so good, don't you think that you'd  
better not take the balance of it your-  
self, Bro. Smith?" A hum of approval  
and unrestrained laughter went  
up among the emancipated congre-  
gation over this pointed thrust and  
all departed well satisfied that a good  
work had been done.

So much for the ridiculous phase of  
this style of charity. More often, how-  
ever, it presents, in some measure, the  
effect of a harpish and a nuisance.  
As ought not to be encouraged in  
the churches.

## A "HELL-BURNER."

During the war of the rebellion Gen-  
eral Butler attempted the destruction  
of Fort Fisher, on the North Carolina  
coast, by a fire ship, which floated as  
near as possible to the fort before ex-  
ploding. The project failed, and caused  
considerable unfavorable comment  
at the time. In connection with an  
article in the Chronicle on the bridge  
of Prince Parma, over the river Scheldt  
in 1853, it may be interesting to refer  
to the fire ship sent out from the be-  
sieged city of Antwerp to destroy that  
bridge and the army stationed on it,  
charged with its defense. As an evi-  
dence of the skill of the sixteenth cen-  
tury, as compared with that of our  
own day in similar efforts, it is partic-  
ularly interesting.

## WHY SO MANY NEWSPAPERS FAIL.

In a recent excellent address before  
the press association of Tennessee,  
General George P. Jones, of the  
Nashville Union and American, gave  
the following truthful account of news-  
paper mortality.

We do too much work without com-  
pensation. We pay too much money  
without any return whatever. We  
establish an eleemosynary institution at  
our own expense. We keep a charity  
school on our own hook. We conduct  
business as though we owe everything  
to the public, and the public not in-  
debted to us a farthing.

We are preyed upon by the sharper  
and innocent alike. We advertise  
gratuitously every week, when we  
should have the money for it. The  
general public are entirely ignorant—  
probably we ourselves are not fully  
aware—of the extent to which news-  
papers are drained by this insidious  
drain upon their resources. It insin-  
uates itself in every conceivable form.  
It does it through reporters, through  
agents, through correspondents,  
through editors, through business  
managers, through proprietors, and  
generally, too, with as much disadvan-  
tage to the public as to the press.

There is not a business, from the dis-  
penser of gingerbread, and cider to the  
largest manufactory, which will not ad-  
vertise with you gratis—which will if  
you listen to its endeavor to convince  
you that it is your duty to the public  
to do so. There is not an aspirant for  
public station—and when I contem-  
plate the numbers of these I experi-  
ence an overwhelming sense of com-  
muning amazement and disgust—  
from constable to the squire of the  
county, and the people as a sort of visi-  
tation of Providence for our iniquities,  
from the street corner seller of prize  
candy or magic oil to the operative im-  
printer, will expect you to write an  
indefinite number of editorials on a  
three square advertisement inserted  
for five days, changeable daily, without  
charge. We are required to write up-  
urge up, and put through every enter-  
prise, great or small, that seems to  
have a possible connection with the  
public. But we never hear of a share  
of stock or dividend. The church, the  
state, commerce, industry, art, inven-  
tion, and humbug alike seem to regard  
the press as their servitors, and to be  
run and sustained for their advantage.

There is a line of demarcation in all  
these things between public demand,  
public utility, newspaper duty and in-  
dividual gain. The line should be de-  
fined and held, as it is in reality is,  
the Dead Line. Not a letter, nor a space  
nor a figure, nor a comma, nor a period,  
nothing of all the innumerable partic-  
les that are put into the form and  
structure of a daily or weekly news-  
paper, is there that its picking up and  
putting down does not cost cash mon-  
ey. Not a revolution of the press, not  
a square inch of paper that does not  
cost something in cash. This should  
be understood by the public. If it is  
not, its correlative should be practiced  
by the press. I do not deem that the  
press should abandon its position of  
being the foremost charitable institu-  
tion in the world. It should hold to  
that, for its munificent liberality, after  
purging itself of nine tenths of the  
daily swindles practiced upon it, will  
exceed that of any other business.

To get rid of this stupenous fraud  
of gratuitous advertising, this cancer,  
canker—call it anything, provided you  
select an epithet that will characterize  
it strongly enough—I can prescribe no  
other rule than this: Put voluntarily  
and without charge any and every  
thing into your paper which you deem  
advantageous to it in being beneficial  
to the public. All else exclude, being  
of advantage to those who wish to  
make money upon your capital and en-  
terprise. Kill your price at its value.  
Fix your rates at a fair price for your  
circulation, and let there be the end.  
It is known that the American press is  
not a vampire, to be constantly sucking  
the life-blood of people. It has a  
vastly higher mission; but it should  
also be known that it will not longer  
be made the victim of the thousands  
of vampires that come daily to the  
counters, in every conceivable garb, to  
have its life blood incontinently sucked  
away.

## AN EUCENTRIC VERNONIAN.

The Hon. Elias Keyes, of Vermont,  
was for twenty years Presiding Judge  
of Windsor county; and served one  
term in congress, many years ago. He  
was a man of immense brain and great  
native talent, but wholly uncultivated.  
It was the privilege of the writer to  
know him, and to be cognizant of many  
incidents in his life which have never  
been in print. The following will give  
a fair illustration of some of his quaint  
characteristics:

## AN EARTHLY PARADISE.

Far away in the balmy Pacific lie the  
islands of New Caledonia. Balade, for  
so the chief island is called, is one of  
the farthest outlying stars of the Aus-  
tralian constellation. Six days of  
fast sailing are needed to reach the  
spot from Sydney; and when there, if  
men versed in the modern artillery of  
war chose to resist a landing, even a  
powerful force might be unable to ef-  
fect it. Balade is two hundred miles  
long and about thirty wide, and it is so  
guarded by jealous coral reefs, jagged  
rocks and treacherous sand banks, that  
by only two tortuous channels in all  
that circumference is it possible to get  
to the shore. One of these is that by  
which Cook sailed in, when he discov-  
ered the island in 1774, and the other  
was only found by Captain Woodin in  
1849. The books say there are 60,000  
people living on Balade; but since the  
wars, which lasted for some years after  
1853, when the French seized the is-  
land to establish a naval station, the  
number of natives has probably been  
diminished. These facts, and others  
about Balade, have lately taken a fresh  
interest, for ship-loads of French  
Communists have recently been sent  
thither, and New Caledonia will  
consequently assume an important  
hereafter in the eyes of the civilized  
world. Ten thousand Communists are to  
be put upon the island under the sur-  
veillance, for the present, of a single  
regiment of French soldiers, and the fu-  
ture of such a society, while it is sure  
to be scanned with unflinching curi-  
osity, may likewise prove both socially  
and morally significant.

Apart from the magnitude and social  
importance of this experiment, it is in-  
vested with a romance that much re-  
vitalizes the interest with which it is  
regarded. All the picturesque adjuncts  
that have charmed the world in the ad-  
ventures, real or imaginary, of Robin-  
son Crusoe, Paul and Virginia, or the  
dwellers at Pitcairn's Island, may easily  
be equalled or surpassed at Balade.  
The climate is exquisitely soft and  
balmy, and the scenery is of fairy loveliness.  
Groves of sandalwood range  
for miles in the interior, lofty peaks  
divided by fertile valleys, soar majes-  
tically to the sky. The cocoa nut, the  
banana, breadfruit, the yam, taro and  
mango grow indigenously, and also the  
sugar cane and the vine. Large and  
well watered, plains yield bounteous  
pasture. Fish and game are abund-  
ant. Coal and iron are found among  
the hills, and although the French  
government has discouraged the search  
for it, gold is known to exist there.  
Other choice stones and minerals are  
abundant, including good granite, and  
the rarer green amphibole. Thus, all  
the materials of delicious climate, un-  
limited and rich soil, exquisite scenery,  
uncommon security from external at-  
tack, exist to secure comfort and hap-  
piness. Eden, itself, could hardly set  
forth a more perfect earthly paradise,  
and if communism can flourish perma-  
nently anywhere or under any circum-  
stances, it should be at this beautiful  
isle "set in the silver sea," the future  
home of those quiet spirits who later  
threw up barricades, smashed the  
Hotel de Ville, and defied Bismark  
and M. Thiers alike, behind the walls  
of Paris.

Mrs. Dunlap, the wife of the Colum-  
bus murderer, has sued V. Koerner  
and J. Lamber, claiming from the  
former \$5,000 and from the latter \$4,000  
damages. The ground of action in  
both cases being that both the dealers  
sold her husband the liquor, under the  
influence of which he murdered Car-  
penter.

"Everything has its use," said a philo-  
sophical professor to his class. "Of  
what use is a drunkard's red nose?"  
asked one of the pupils. "It is like a  
light house, to warn its of the little  
water that passes underneath it and  
reminds us of the shoals of app-tite,  
on which we might otherwise be wreck-  
ed," answered the professor.

The old man was not particularly re-  
ligious, but his wife (he had no children)  
was a devout and exemplary member  
of the Congregational church. When  
the judge was about eighty years old  
he was laid up one winter with lung  
fever. It happened just at that time  
that the young men (the boys as the

judge called them) had been for some  
days on the trail of a bear which had  
been devastating the sheepfolds of the  
farmers, and in common with the folks  
of the vicinity, the judge felt no little  
interest in the bear hunt. His good  
wife (herself about four score years  
old) felt very anxious about the condi-  
tion of the judge both physical and  
spiritual, and accordingly sent for her  
pastor to visit him.

The young pastor, Rev. Mr. H—  
was but recently graduated from the  
seminary at Andover, and knowing the  
peculiar characteristics of the  
judge, invited an elderly member  
of his church to accompany him on his  
pastoral visit. The writer had the  
story from the elder's lips.

Arrived at the bed side of the old  
man, the following conversation took  
place:  
"Well, judge, you are getting pretty  
old and cannot expect to live much  
longer."  
"Yes, pretty well along, but I guess  
I'll live about eighty years longer."  
"But you are quite ill and we all  
fear that you may not recover. In  
that case do you feel that you are pre-  
pared for the great change that awaits  
us all?"  
"Yes, if any man on earth is I am.  
Why I built the first turn-pike ever  
made over the Green Mountains. By  
the way Mr. H—, have you heard  
whether the boys have ketches that  
bear yet?"  
After partially recovering from the  
effect of this inquiry, Mr. H. asked the  
judge if he would like to have him  
pray with him.

"Oh, yes; I suppose that is what Mrs.  
Keyes sent you for."  
"Well, judge, have you any particu-  
lar request which you wish to have  
preferred in our petition to the Throne  
of Grace?"  
"Oh no Mr. H. I think you are a  
very smart and promising young man,  
and I leave it altogether to your bet-  
ter judgement and ingenuity."  
The effect can be better imagined  
than described.



Among the doings of congress on the 16th inst. was the introduction of a proposition to require the prepayment of postage on newspapers. They had better do away with the franking manuses, and the mails would have less useless lumber to carry.

Years ago Frank Blair traveled on solid ground in the Missouri legislature to the United States senate, but the other day, in trying for a re-election he got into a bog, as one Dogg beat him for that place. The country can stand it if Frank B. can. Illinois will elect Gov. Oglesby, in place of Fairbank, to the senate, Pennsylvania returns S. Cameron and New York will return Mr. Conkling to the same place.

Not long since the Chicago council perverted the Sunday liquor laws in favor of the groggers, but mayor McMill refused to sanction the measure unless the people ratified it by vote. We concluded then that the liquorists would lose, and so stated a week or two ago, as is almost always the case, when questions of that sort are left to the people. And so it has turned out, in we understood right the last news from Chicago, on that subject. By how large a majority the vote was carried is not stated, but the result is, the groggers were beaten.

At Wooster the democracy, or the ghost thereof, have annually for several years celebrated the 8th of January, in honor of Gen. Jackson's memory. Every year the performance is coming to be more and more of a task, and this time it is put down as a failure, at least as an observance of any political significance. The Republican makes it a subject of ridicule and merriment, and the Cincinnati Commercial characterized it as a democratic wake. If a wake it has scarcely the corpse of a party over which to ventilate its solitudes.

Mrs. Porter, the worse than widowed woman, near Columbiana, whose husband recently so inhumanly murdered their two little innocent children, as is alleged, when intoxicated, the papers inform us, has prosecuted two of the groggers of Leontonia, placing the damages in each case at \$5,000. If they can get off as cheaply as they will be fortunate, for they—like hundreds of their craft—are accessory to the murder of these children, and beside are responsible for the loss of a man to his family and to community. But we are told it is all right; money can be made by liquor selling, and that covers a multitude of sins.

Credit Mobilier are two big words that occupy prominent places in many of the newspapers these days. If we understand the phrase it means something about congressmen and others taking railroad stock. Some of these members are charged with speculating in these stocks at the expense of the government: and it is claimed that the Union Pacific railroad, or its managers, owe the government millions of dollars for money advanced to complete the work—that some men have become rich in consequence of their connection therewith. For months leading newspapers have been publishing reports, stories, statements, developments, or whatever they may be called, on this weighty subject, so that if all that has been promulgated by the press to the world about it, there would be reading material enough to fill hundreds of volumes. Now, if anybody is guilty of rascality in these transactions let them be exposed and punished. Something is not right or there would not be so much fuss about it.

The dailies of last Friday or Saturday informed us that a hotel was burned at Alliance one day last week, one calling it the St. James, another the St. Charles—property of one Sornbeck—loss \$7000—insured for \$1000 in the Columbiana mutual—but the Alliance papers say nothing about it, yet it may be so. Up to Monday we were in the dark about particulars.

Edmund Lytton Bulwer, a distinguished English writer of works of fiction, died last Friday, at his home, aged 68 years.

Congress is seriously considering the propriety of reducing letter postage to 2 cents instead of 3 per half ounce. This brings that body down on the franking privilege—as it ought to—and they are trying to make newspapers pay postage in the counties where printed. That part is hazardous.

These seem to be active days here for the selling and purchasing of property. George Yost has just purchased the corner brick building of Henry Knobloch for \$7000, and other transfers are talked of.

Liquor sellers and their friends have been telling the world that all temperance legislation tended to make their business better, and they affected to gloat over the idea as if it was all done for their benefit. No matter what sort of a law was enacted for the protection of people against this general destroyer, it brought grists to their mill. Even the Maine laws were claimed as special favorites in their behalf, and they pretended to rejoice that such enactments were sources of profit to them, while hundreds of them were fined, imprisoned, and their sinks of iniquity were dried up by the enforcement of such laws. And not only groggers and groggers were so proud of such ideas that all temperance enactments insured to their benefit, but not a few of the newspapers and some of the politicians in diffusing such impressions among people who have not the means of knowing better.

Suppose we concede all this, that every species of temperance legislation, from total prohibition down to mild legal restrictions, all favor the accused traffic, the pregnant question comes up in the face of all this, Why is it that this great party is so anxious to do away with temperance laws? Men in any other business, if they find the laws help them, either directly or indirectly, don't ask or labor for their repeal—they are sufficiently wise to let well enough alone. Can't the grog party do the same thing? They might, but they don't. Legislation in our own state is proof on this point. The celebrated Adair law for a time was one of the cherished measures for grog-selling, according to their theory, but when it began to be enforced against them, by fining, putting them to prison, and shutting up their shops, then it was unconstitutional, and all that. Then they were practically giving the lie to their professions, when they tried to make believe all this legislation was for their benefit. Last winter and the present session efforts have been made to so modify the Adair law as to make it an abridgment, but they have thus far been defeated. Lately the papers have been parading the decision of one Judge Foster, of Cuyahoga county, as measurably against the Adair law, but if that is all the protection they have they won't last much over it.

Last fall, during the congressional canvass in this district, Mr. Brown was charged by some parties with investing or proposing to invest \$25,000 by which to secure a place in congress. Whether the charge was true or false it is not the design to speculate upon at this time—that is of the past—let it be forgotten. But it sounded big in this part of the country for a man to even be charged with offering that sum of money to get to congress; yet in comparison to what is said to be going on elsewhere, in purchasing high political positions this sum is meager and contemptible. Some of the Credit Mobilier parties are charged with making much more than \$25,000 by their connection with railroad stocks, while senator Caldwell, of Kansas, is accused with paying \$250,000 to purchase a place in that body. These are allegations made against this man—whether true or false may be found out on investigation. If he or any other man is guilty of such corrupt doings let them suffer.

Senator Morton made a strong speech the other day in favor of choosing the president and vice president by direct vote of the people. It must come to that some day. And it has further been suggested that all state elections be held on the day of the presidential election—first Tuesday of November. Approved.

There seems to be no limit to the enterprise of the New York Herald. At an expense of many thousands of dollars it gratified the reading world with finding Dr. Livingston. Another explorer was sent by the same paper to make discoveries at a celebrated ancient city of Europe, which proved a success. Last Saturday's Herald has an interesting chart giving a general idea of the weather bureau signals. What great enterprise it will next undertake we can't foresee, but it will be something grand. No wonder the paper is a success.

Lately the president has made a very popular move, to this effect. He has come to the conclusion if a man holds an office under the general government, that is enough for him—he has no business with holding any official position by authority of any state or county. Certainly his enemies can't find fault with such a course. About these days there is such talk that the miners will soon be on a strike, if the movement has not already begun. According to the Miner every effort has been made to compromise the differences between the employers and workers, but thus far without success. Should it take place the calamity will affect all parties, more or less. There is no real need for such things.

Between the Commercial and the Blade there is a lively controversy going on in regard to the water works improvement for Toledo. It seems they have a ring there, and the Blade party is greatly in favor of the Holly System, while the Commercial as earnestly opposes it. Columns and pages of the papers are filled with discussions of the question, and at this distance it can't now be decided which party will prevail. The Commercial claims the Holly system to be a humbug and failure wherever tried—others take a different view.

Would it not be a great convenience to certain parties who attend theatrical exhibitions, not only here but elsewhere, if, when the curtain falls, those customers who have to go out to take supper, there could be a barrel or so of the mince pies, as Dan McKee used to call it, somewhere in the hall to assuage their thirst? It is no use for them to come back chewing cloves or other savory smelling spices, for the rest of us know what they do. True, it would not look well to see a vessel of whisky in a theater, but certainly it could be put in the hall somewhere it would save an immense amount of running out while the actors are shifting their scenes and loggery.

Last week was a busy time, every night at the Opera House was occupied but Monday. Tuesday night Rip Van Winkle was on the boards, then the two following nights dancing, athletes, songsters, and all that, had their limited audiences, but the present stage performances were lively and interesting. Friday and Saturday nights the famed Pantomime troupe had pretty full houses, and as that sort of exhibition is new to most of our people it interested them considerably. Little was said, but a great variety of antics were acted, and sometimes a considerable presentation of funnier understandings above the ankles were visible.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, 73. The council met in regular session and was called to order by the president.

Members present—Messrs. Folger, Gise, Oberlin, Warwick and Willenburgh. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Folger, from the street committee to whom was referred the subject matter of reporting a plan, and cost for fitting up and furnishing the upper room in the city prison building for a chamber for the city council and an office for the mayor, submitted a partial report, accompanied by the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That on or before the first day of April next ensuing, the city of Massillon will surrender possession of the premises now in its occupancy, and by it used as an office for the mayor and place of meeting for the city council, to the owner thereof, and that said council and mayor will thereafter occupy the unoccupied rooms in the city prison building, as an office for the Mayor and a place of meeting for the city council.

Mr. Warwick offered the following preamble and resolution which was also adopted:

WHEREAS, It is represented to this body that the hose company on the west side of the canal in this city, known as hose company No. 3, has disbanded and no longer retains its organization. Therefore,

Resolved, That the standing committee on the fire department be and they are hereby directed to take possession of all property of said company and deposit the same at the engine house in this city, and that the lease for the building heretofore used by said company, be and the same is hereby terminated.

Mrs. Kesiah Barnett (by Messrs. Uman & Porter, attorneys) presented a claim of \$150—damages on account of regrade of Main street, by the L. S. & T. V. R. R. Co. On motion by Mr. Warwick the foregoing claim was referred to the standing committee on claims.

Mr. Warwick offered the following:

Resolved, That the standing committee on finance, and the chairman of the standing committee on the judiciary be a select committee whose duty it shall be to make a full settlement with the mayor of this city, and that said committee are hereby charged to ascertain the amount of fines, penalties and forfeitures, fees for licenses and all other moneys, by said mayor received to the credit of this city, and not by him accounted for, and that said committee may have power to require the clerk for such assistance as they may need to effect the object of this resolution.

Mr. Gise moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution, and Mr. Folger called for the yeas and nays, which resulted as follows—yeas, Messrs. Folger, Gise, Oberlin, Warwick and Willenburgh; nays, none.

The street commissioner's reports for the three weeks ending Dec. 21st, was, on motion, referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

The marshal submitted his report of amount of funds by him collected and turned over to the mayor, during the month ending Dec. 31st, to be, on account of fines, \$3. The marshal also submitted his quarterly prison report for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, to be as follows:

Number imprisoned for violation of city ordinances 18  
Number imprisoned for violation of state statutes 1  
Total 19  
Number who paid fines 11  
Amount of fines paid \$17.00  
Number who could not pay cost of subsistence 2  
Number of days unpaid subsistence furnished 6 @ 45 cts \$2.70  
Myers & Willson presented a bill of \$53.87 for lumber & sawing, which was referred to the committee on claims.

The following amounts were allowed and orders drawn for the same:

Popular Vote for President in 1872.	Grant, Greeley, O.C.R. B.K.
Alabama.....	90,272 79,411
Arkansas.....	41,013 87,421
California.....	54,020 40,118
Connecticut.....	50,038 45,852
Delaware.....	41,115 14,482
Florida.....	7,165 15,488
Georgia.....	92,145 70,218
Indiana.....	180,114 164,037
Illinois.....	242,243 181,110
Iowa.....	131,238 111,824
Kansas.....	97,048 29,490
Kentucky.....	88,010 101,483
Louisiana.....	113,291 77,749
Maine.....	61,422 29,087
Maryland.....	66,160 67,085
Massachusetts.....	123,472 59,200
Michigan.....	136,202 71,047
Minnesota.....	55,709 35,111
Mississippi.....	81,910 47,194
Missouri.....	119,189 151,283
Montana.....	18,343 7,705
Nebraska.....	8,413 6,306
New Hampshire.....	37,188 31,325
New Jersey.....	91,611 76,601
New York.....	410,759 387,479
North Carolina.....	94,394 69,424
Ohio.....	281,852 244,221
Oregon.....	11,821 7,749
Pennsylvania.....	340,689 211,981
Rhode Island.....	14,693 5,329
S. Carolina.....	72,240 22,703
Tennessee.....	84,955 94,891
Texas.....	47,411 65,591
Vermont.....	41,487 19,347
Virginia.....	95,415 91,450
West Virginia.....	32,283 20,074
Wisconsin.....	104,203 88,477
Total.....	3,377,758 2,842,420
Grant's majority over Greeley.....	737,332
Grant's majority over all.....	702,556

The Canton Democrat says: An oil well has been actually struck in Canton. Jacob Coop, a poor laboring man, lives in his own house, on his own lot, near Stabler's stoneyard, on Rowland street. For a year or so his family much of the time have been unable to use the water from their tube well, eighteen feet deep, so strongly was it impregnated with carbon oil. The thing was examined by Messrs. Stabler and John A. Little, and they drove the tube down some four feet, when the oil came up by pumping stronger than ever. The indications are excellent for a paying oil well, and we learn the determination is to test the matter fully.

The postmaster general has made arrangements with the signal service bureau of the war department to transmit to all postoffices that can be reached from the several points of distribution daily, by mail, the weather reports issued by the signal service office. It is proposed to divide the territory east of the Mississippi river into districts of about two hundred miles in diameter, each district having a distributing point at or near its center, from which two copies of the report will be mailed daily to all postoffices accessible by rail or mail coach by six p. m. each day. At each postoffice the postmaster is to post one copy of each report, as soon as received, in a frame to be furnished by the signal office, which frame will be put up in a conspicuous part of the office, where it can be seen and the bulletins read by the public without difficulty. The second copy is intended for the personal use of the postmaster, and may be disposed of in the manner he thinks best calculated to diffuse the information it contains. This plan will really make every postmaster a signal officer, and he will be responsible for disseminating weather intelligence communicated to him for prompt display in the most conspicuous part of his office. As the country postoffice or village postoffice is a place where all the neighborhood gathers when the daily mail arrives, the reports will by the night be on the lips of every farmer for miles around, and he will thus be enabled to shape and project his next day's farm work to the best advantage and to the most economic use of his own time and that of his hired help. The experience of the past year has proved the reliability and great service of these weather reports.

Last November was a most disastrous month for storms. The records of that month have been classified as follows: East coast of Great Britain, 72; west coast of Great Britain, 52; Baltic, 29; English channel, 25; Atlantic-American coasts, 15; Pacific-American coasts, 8; North sea, 11; Mediterranean, 3; East Indies, 2; river Platte, 2; Pacific, 1; China seas, 1; and Australian seas, 1; total, 211.

The postmaster general is confident that the bill reducing letter postage to two cents, and compelling payment of postage on printed matter, will become a law. Also that the postal card appropriation will pass. He anticipates an increase of commercial business under seal and that the additional revenue from printed matter will even during the first year maintain the present revenue of nine millions.

That was an awkward blunder of a New York clergyman who went to Rhode Island and married a couple. The marriage, they shortly afterwards discovered, was illegal, as the officiating clergyman was not a resident of the state, consequently had no power to marry. The twin who were supposed to be one, but weren't, hastened to New York and had the same clergyman perform the ceremony which made these loving hearts one in reality. This is a fortunate ending to a very grave blunder. But suppose the man had discovered that he could be a great deal happier when he didn't have his charmer, or if he had met some one else that stirred his heart with a love unknown before, wouldn't it have been disagreeable to the lady, and probably have given rise to serious law complications. It seems to us that in this country, on the marriage question, we are getting very badly mixed. In fact we are as bad a state as they are in Scotland, where a great many people do not know whether they are married or not. If some general law to much to simplify matters, and true hearts would not be liable to find themselves in so perplexing a predicament as that of this pair of Rhode Island lovers—

"Why is it?" asked a Frenchman at a Switzer, "that you Swiss always fight for money, while the French only fight for honor?" "I suppose," answered the Swiss, "that each fights for what he most lacks."

Photography as an art has just reached a new dignity. It has got a professor's chair, and a Professor to fill it. The fortunate man is Dr. Vogel, photographic instructor in the Berlin Royal Industrial College.

A recent calculation relative to the principal European languages shows that English is spoken by ninety millions of persons. German by fifty-five millions, and French by forty-five millions.

The New York Herald says: There is every prospect of an active spring trade. We learn from the custom house that our merchants are importing largely, and that a great amount of goods has been ordered. The numerous and capacious ocean steamers arrive heavily freighted with merchandise. Importers feel security from any change in the tariff for some time, and that in addition to the general prosperity of the country, has been the cause of these large orders for goods. Then the heavy fall of snow early in winter will prove of great benefit to the soil and the winter crops and give promise of abundant produce for exportation to pay for the vast imports.

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The Episcopal diocese society will be held at the residence of Mrs. Thos. McCollough, on Friday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Christian diocese society will be held at the residence of Mrs. Orville Brown, corner Hill and 8th streets, on Monday, Jan. 27. All are cordially invited. No refreshments.

Last Thursday it began to look in some places as if the canal was opening, but such weather this time of the year is much like the Indian said of the white man—very uncertain.

Last Friday our legislature adjourned over till yesterday, in order to allow the members to visit their homes. Although we have not seen them up to this writing we presume that our representatives were home a day or two.

Notice.—Contributors to the donation for purchasing the land for the Massillon Coal and Iron Co., upon which to erect a rolling mill, will please pay when called up in all conditions are complied with.

S. A. CONRAD, Sec'y.

Envelopes, letter-heads, bill-heads, blank statements, business cards, address cards, circulars, and tickets bills of fare, &c. furnished to order, promptly at the INDEPENDENT office.

For several days reports were current in town that the Tremont house was sold to one of our citizens, but proved idle gossip.

The purchasers of the tin shop, recently owned by Andrew Snyder, will remove to the rooms now occupied by Miss Hoyer's millinery store, the property of H. Pille, Main street.

BOOKS.—Singular books, written by a singular genius, and telling the reader a great many queer things, for sale at the merchant tailoring establishment of John Lowe, second floor Opera House, and at this office.

Dr. P. B. Randolph, who was recently at this place, and for some reason failed to make a success of lecturing in this vicinity, left here last week for the west, as we understand, to go to Toledo.

Regular trains commenced running south of this on the new railroad last Monday, and we shall so give the time table.

The place to get sale bills, programmes, &c. printed is at the INDEPENDENT office.

Last Sunday was one of those days well adapted to the exercise of keeping good fires in order to prevent freezing. At least that was the case here. Still people went to some of the churches pretty liberally.

WANTED.—More enterprise and less crying: More work and less loafing: More practice and less preaching: More knowledge and less ignorance: More sobriety and less drinking: More truth and less falsehood: Other wants noted hereafter as the necessity of the moral market indicates.

According to previous notice members of the Belling Mill Company met at the Union National Bank, last Saturday evening, and elected the following gentlemen directors for the coming year: Clement Russell, James Reynolds, Joseph Coleman, Hermann Shriver, Wm. F. Hicks, James H. Justus, and S. A. Conrad. After which the following members were chosen officers of the board:

President.....JAMES BAYLISS: Secretary.....SILAS A. CONRAD: Treasurer.....JAMES H. HUNT.

A very combative family, some of whom live here, the initials of many of its members names are R. O. Oster, are constantly having brawls and fights in the family circle. No longer ago than last Sunday two of them met in this city, with certain of their friends present, their ill blood was up, and they naturally pitched in, the contest was a bloody and fatal one, which resulted in the death of one of the belligerents. The guilty party by the connivance of friends made his escape, and his whereabouts are unknown to the public. Whether officers are on the bloody perpetrator's track or not we are unadvised.

In accordance with the programme laid down to be observed during the week of prayer Bro. Hingley preached a highly appropriate and earnest temperance sermon in the Methodist Episcopal church. And he frequently alludes to that subject in his ministrations, as also does Bro. Williams of the Presbyterian church—just as they should do. Perhaps if some of their black-coated brethren were to follow so worthily an example there would be fewer tipping professors.

Mr. A. S. Duley, teacher at the Charity School for the last seven years, has resigned that position, and Joseph Geseman has been selected as his successor. This institution, founded about half a century ago, has turned out—taken from obscurity, and perhaps often from poverty—not a few useful and successful members of society, and bids fair to continue its usefulness for another half century. At present W. C. Richards, Thos. McCollough, A. C. Wales, and F. L. Baldwin are the trustees.

We are pleased to state that the exhibition in behalf of Hart Post, by the Anti-Dramatic association, of Rip Van Winkle, in the Opera House, on Tuesday Evening of last week, proved a success—the receipts being over \$150. Our boys have hoiks of warm friends here, as is manifested by the liberal patronage their exhibitions always realize. Now if they could vary the programme and secure the services of some popular lecturer, who will do his part of the work at a reasonable rate, their prestige would pretty certainly make the experiment a success. It might be well worth discussing the idea, and see how the prospects were.

Silk ties in new and elegant designs, cheap, at McLean, Dangler & Co's.

Friday evening best of this week the famed Alleghenians, who have been before the public for twenty-seven years, will give one of their attractive entertainments at the Opera House. Their vocal and instrumental music has charmed thousands, and all the lovers of harmony will be pleased in listening to the musical tones of those bells.

The thaw and rain of last week raised the water in the river considerably, so that it was quite full on Sunday. As the town is growing along the banks of the roaring "uncanny," would it not be a good idea, especially in the borough, if it can be done reasonably easy, to straighten the channel above the stone bridge? If done properly it would be less liable to overflow, if slight levees were put up where needed.

The idea of numbering the houses is not yet forgotten by many of our citizens, not so marking the streets that at least one in ten of our people might know where to find them.

Mulder, the bad man of Canton, who tried to burn houses and murder people because of some private spite he held, was the other day sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment in the penitentiary. By the time he serves out his sentence it is hoped he will be a better man—or if not pardoned he may not live to enjoy the liberty of going at large.

During last week an important change in ownership of property took place here—nothing less than the selling and buying of the American Hotel. O. G. Madison, who has successfully kept the American for several years, bought the property of Joseph Coleman for \$21,000, and designed continuing the business. As the house has been prosperously conducted under his management during his occupancy, there is every prospect that it will so continue hereafter. Mr. Madison has given the hotel a reputation which is favorably known by thousands of people, living in various places, all over the country, who have had occasion to visit this city either on business or pleasure. The American, we may safely say, is entitled to a place among the first class houses in this part of the country.

Property is somewhat briskly changing owners here; and those desiring to sell are availing themselves of the advantage of advertising in the INDEPENDENT. Which indicate good judgment and that they will dispose of their possessions, sure.

Hesitating, doubting inquiries as to the rolling mill going on, may now cease—that is as certain, to all human foresight, as anything in the future. Adequate subscriptions have been made, all in such sums as the subscribers can pay without detriment to themselves, directors and officers are chosen, money paid in, so that immediately on the opening of spring the work will be promptly prosecuted to completion. It is well to have the aid of moneyed men from other places—indeed, that is always welcome—but in this case our people seem independent, and naturally contribute such aid as they feel able to afford. The aggregate of these contributions is a handsome and efficient sum—enough to set things going.

Already our merchants are invoicing their stocks to see what they have on hand, and preparatory to bringing on their spring goods. Buyers will find good bargains among our dry goods men; call and see if it is not so.

Mr. Frank Chidester has planned and constructed a neat little steam engine, boiler and all complete, which may be seen at the Singer sewing machine agency, Erie street. It has sufficient power to propel a sewing machine, and to do the work regularly and reliably. Hundreds of people have seen the engine in motion, and all unite in giving Mr. C. credit for ingenuity, perseverance and skill in producing so efficient a piece of mechanism. The boiler has the appearance of a neat stove, and while it propels the engine will also warm a room.

A number of our teachers, who are informed, attended a meeting of professors in that art on last Saturday at Alliance. No doubt they had a pleasant and profitable time.

Just received, a quantity of cards and other stock ready to work up, at the INDEPENDENT office.

ARE COMING.—The Alleghenians, Vocalists and Swiss Bell Ringers, first organized twenty-six years ago, and whose name has become the household word of the music loving people of all nations, and whose continuous travels have extended to all parts of the civilized globe, will appear at the Massillon Opera House, Friday evening, Jan. 24th, and every one who enjoys good home music—music that will take you back to the "good days of yore," and make you forget all care, should attend their delightful concert. Their repertoire embraces a large collection of Vocal Quartettes, arranged in their own peculiar style; also, a variety of the sweetest English, Irish, Scotch, German and Spanish Ballads extant; Humorous songs, duets, etc., Atlas, Cavatinas, and scenes from works of the most popular Italian and French masters. In addition to their usual choice selections of Vocal Music, they will play several pieces on their new Swiss Bells.

The Alleghenians present free to every lady and gentleman on entering the hall with a Popular piece of new music, which is fully worth the price of admission and is a new feature in their concert.

By notice elsewhere it will be seen that D. W. Huntman offers his handsome property for sale. It is advantageously located, the house new, commodious, and well adapted to the wants of a family. Mr. Giltz also gives notice that he will dispose of his house and lot to any party desiring to invest in a good property.

On Friday, January 31st, William Brainerd, living not far from Lawrence, offers for sale a large variety of good stock, consisting of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, farming implements, grain in the ground, and a great variety of other material not specified.

The great steel meeting, commenced at the M. E. church some two or three weeks ago is still progressing.

A little snow fell last Sunday, which was augmented Monday night some two or three inches, so that Tuesday morning sleighing was indulged in to a small extent.

A son of John H. Fisher met with rather severe accident last Saturday, by which he had both bones of one of his legs broken, and his head slightly injured. He is under the care of Dr. Ridgeway, and getting along well as could be expected.

The rolling mill is now an assured fact, which before many months will be a living and working reality. We may confidently look for other needed manufactures before long. It will be no matter of surprise if we have glass works here in a few months, for there is plenty of means left for starting such an enterprise.

We regret to state that Hon. A. C. Wales, senator of this district to the state legislature, was brought home from Columbus quite sick one day last week. From what we can learn his condition is not a dangerous one—he is better.

Traveling showmen, if they desire to succeed, advertise liberally. If they display so they would fail. It is the only way by which they are enabled to carry on their business, and it is judiciously managed, sometimes leads to wealth. Their programmes are made by thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, at some big job office in the larger cities, changing dates and places on their routes, so they get their work done cheaply. They say that that country print realize from these shows is a little advertising, and many times not even that. It may be all right, but if these people expect to make money off a community they ought to spend a little of their profits whenever they go among the printers for job work. "Sometimes they get a two or three hundred dollar house, but they get a little advertising in three, five or ten dollars in the place of exhibit. That is pretty good for their kind in vestment. Is it just toward those who aid them to reap such rich rewards?"

Commencing on Sunday the 12th, the weather was comparatively moderate for winter—it looked like a January thaw—for all the snow was gone, and great plenty of mud abounded. Occasional rains visited us, and Thursday evening this sort of weather seemed to attain its climax. A south breeze was prevailing, and between 5 and 6 o'clock, a gusty wind of unusual velocity, moving rapidly enough to shake many houses, caused a commotion. Its violence did not last a minute, but glass was smashed in some windows, Mr. Lockwood's sign was broken down, and a knuckle and a portion of a large front window. This is the most serious injury done here that we have heard of. Immediately the weather became colder, and ice follow'd.

The American Odd Fellow for Jan. commences the fifteenth volume of this publication. It is replete with excellent literary matter, illustrated articles, and tidings from the Order in all parts of the world. Many of the best writers of the country contribute to the columns of the American Odd Fellow, and as a magazine for the great fraternity and the household, it is unsurpassed. Take it, read it, and preserve it. Address A. O. F. Association, 47 Park Row, N. Y., \$2.50.

Canvass a full line in Java, Waifu, Railroad and zephyr, just received at McLean, Dangler & Co's.

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The nicest line of white, scarlet, and chinchilla nubbies at Humbler & Son's.

Twenty remnants of carpet will be sold cheap, regardless of cost, at McLean, Dangler & Co's.

For twenty acres of land, with buildings, &c., call on Kent Jarvis.

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You can buy a arm of over 1000 acres in both sides ownship of Kent Jarvis. The best thing and in the market can be had at McLean, Dangler & Co's.

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Blankets, coverlets, counterpanes, Blankets, coverlets, counterpanes, at Humbler & Son's.

One brick and two large stone stores are offered for sale by Kent Jarvis.

NOTICE.—All merchants will hear by take notice that meetings will be held on Thursday evening of each week at the usual place for the purpose of adding to and collecting the Black List. By order of the Committee Humbler & Son can show you the best bottom in town for the money in the city.

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THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of this company, for the election of Directors, and such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of Kent Jarvis, Esq., corner of Hill and 8th streets, on Monday the 30th day of February, at 4 o'clock P.M. F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary and Treas.

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